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which is described and claimed in the specification of which was filed on October 3, 2000 as International Application (PCT) No. PCT/EP99/02236.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of this specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that we do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication, in any country before our invention thereof for more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve (12) months prior to this application; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns except as follows:

**PRIORITY CLAIM**

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C.F.R., Section 1.58 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (month, day, year)	STATUS
PCT/EP99/02236	October 3, 2000	Pending

Docket No. 60152-911

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of the foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate filed on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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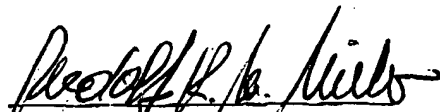
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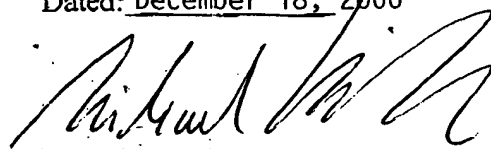
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Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Otto-Hahn-Strasse 22-24

City: Friedrichsdorf State: Deutschland Zip: D-61381

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have assigned, sold and set over, and by these presents assign, sell and set over unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, for the territory of the United States of America and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application for Letters Patent, including the right to file foreign patent applications corresponding to said application, and the right to claim the priority date of said United States patent application and any legal equivalents thereof, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or re-issues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents prepared and executed by Assignors on even date herewith, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the Assignors had this Assignment and sale not been made.

AND the Assignors hereby covenant and agree that the Assignors will at any time upon the request and at the expense of the Assignee execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention and to obtain Letters Patent therefor, and the Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the said Assignee in accordance with this Agreement.

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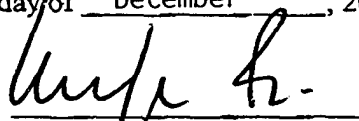
  
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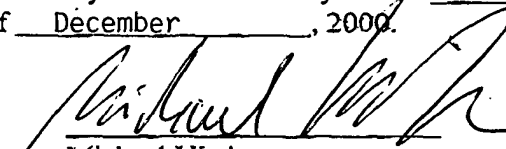
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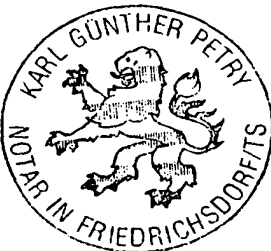
  
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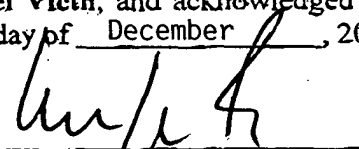
  
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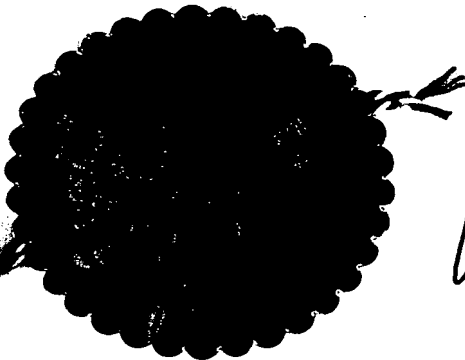
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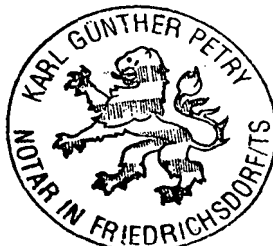


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